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## SOUND OF CANNON HEARD OFF COAST--- JAPS UNDER COVER

It Is Not Certain Where The Jap Fleet Is  
Now Located.

Late Reports Say Germany May Take a Hand---A  
Big Battle Expected Soon.

## A BRITISH VESSEL FIRED ON BY RUSSIAN SHIP

### NAVAL BATTLE ON.

Tien Tsin, Feb. 13.—A report has reached here from Chang Wan Tao, on the Gulf Lia Tung, stating that heavy firing was heard there. This has given rise to the rumor that a naval battle is being fought in the Gulf of Pechili not far from Port Arthur.

### THE NEXT BATTLE.

London, Feb. 13.—The impression is growing here that the next news of a big battle will come from Korean points. Japan is known to already have a force in Korea.

### JAPS HAVE VANISHED.

Chee Foo, Feb. 13.—No one here has any inkling of the exact location of the Japanese fleet. None of the vessels has been seen since the bombardment Tuesday night, and it is presumed the warships were left to act as convoy to ships carrying troops to Korea.

### RUSSIAN EMBASSY LEAVES.

London, Feb. 13.—Baron Hayashi, the Russian minister at London, has received a telegram from Tokyo announcing that M. Pavloff, the Russian minister at Korea, has left Seoul for home, accompanied by the embassy and all the Russian residents of Seoul. The telegram does not give the reason for this action. The Japanese forces are maintaining order in Korea.

### FIRED ON ENGLISH SHIP.

Chefoo, Feb. 13.—The British steamer Fuping, when leaving Port Arthur, was fired upon by Russians. Three Chinese members of the crew were wounded.

The Russians afterward apologized for firing on the vessel. The Fuping upon its arrival at Wei-Hai-Wei filed a protest with the British consul.

The American consul has reported to United States Minister Conger that the Russian authorities have refused to allow the American steamer Pleiades to leave Port Arthur. The Pleiades sailed from Seattle, February 2, with a cargo of flour.

### ENGLISH OFFICERS WARNED.

London, Feb. 13.—The Daily Telegraph says the British admiralty has sent letters of warning to all retired naval officers who are eligible for service.

### WILL GERMANY AID RUSSIA?

New York, Feb. 13.—The Herald says: "London, Feb. 13.—Possible action by Germany is regarded here as a factor in the far Eastern situation and is causing some apprehension."

The Daily Telegraph gives prominence to the following special from St. Petersburg, which tends to confirm this idea:

"St. Petersburg, Feb. 11.—I have unimpeachable authority for stating that if the fortunes of war prove adverse to Russia a diversion which may lead to far reaching results is confidently expected from Germany."

"Already proposals are affirmed to have been made by the chief of that state, which, if accepted, will considerably complicate matters."

"The German government is especially bitter toward England, and will support Russia diplomatically in any action tending to bring the evacuation of Wei-Hai-Wei before the Hague tribunal."

Germany's fixed resolution is to avail herself of the present crisis to win back Russian friendship and out-

France from favor, but the proposals which have emanated from Berlin are definite and concrete, and if accepted, are likely to interest Europe more keenly in the far Eastern war."

London, Feb. 13.—There is a marked lull in war news. No confirmation has been received here of the reported attempts of the Japanese to land troops near Port Arthur. Captain Tamasi, the Japanese naval attaché, discredits the rumors. He said: "The Japanese will never attempt to take Port Arthur from the sea alone."

The captain attaches the greatest importance to the seizure of Masamupo, Korea, as giving Japan command of the Straits of Korea, and preventing a junction of the Russian squadron. He thinks that the plans previously arranged that the main Japanese squadron is still in the vicinity of Port Arthur, probably preparing for another attack.

### BRAKEMAN INJURED.

Lexington, Tenn., Feb. 13.—Will Finch, a brakeman on the north end local of the N. C. and St. L. railroad fell from a box car while switching here in the yards yesterday and inflicted a serious wound on his head. His physician thinks he is injured internally and death may be the result.

### JAPS TO GET PORT ARTHUR.

London, Feb. 13.—The British government has information which leads it to believe that Japan is likely to be in possession of Port Arthur a week from now. In the best informed Japanese circles here, it is privately thought that the war will be over by July.

### RUSSIA NOT READY TO ANSWER.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 13.—Russia is evidently not prepared at this time to give an answer to the United States to Secretary Hay's note on the subject of her neutrality of China. As previously stated hostilities having begun, the military authorities must be consulted, and the czar doubtless will refer the matter to Viceroy Alexieff if he has not already done so. Russia, it can be said, is certainly as anxious as the United States that the war cause no risings or disorders in China; indeed the attitude of China is already causing some misgivings here, as she has not yet declared her neutrality.

### BOAT COMPANY COMPLAINS.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 13.—The Boston Towboat company has complained to the state department that their steamer Pleiades was wrongfully detained at Port Arthur by the Russians. The department immediately cabled Ambassador McCormick at St. Petersburg to lay the case before the Russian foreign office and secure the vessels release at once if there has been such a detention.

### 200 SAILORS DROWN.

New York, Feb. 13.—About 200 of the Varig's crew lost their lives when the vessel was destroyed by the Japanese off Chemulpo, according to a World dispatch from Tokio. The crew of the Russian cruiser numbered 570. Many lost their lives under fire, but a large number drowned in attempting to escape. The men loyally aided their officers and it is said not one of the latter were drowned.

### RUSSIAN WOMEN ORGANIZE.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 13.—In response to the appeal of the Dowager

## NEGRO CONFESSES TO FIENDISH ASSAULT

Roanoke, Va., Feb. 13.—Henry Williams, colored, arrested at North Fork, W. Va., Tuesday on suspicion of having committed a murderous assault and outrage on Mrs. George L. Shields and her 3-year-old daughter in their home on January 30, has made a full confession of the crime in the Bluefield, W. Va., jail. Williams gave up two watches and some clothing stolen from the Shields home.

He was placed on a special train and rushed through to Richmond under a heavy guard. Williams will be placed in the State penitentiary for safe keeping, the feeling being such that the authorities are satisfied it would be unwise to bring him here at this time.

Williams entered the Shields residence in the heart of the city at noon and brutally assaulted Mrs. Shields

and her daughter with a razor and hatchet, leaving both for dead. Mrs. Shields was found locked in a closet with her throat cut from ear to ear and the skull fractured in several places. Rewards aggregating \$2,000 were offered for the capture of the negro.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 13.—Henry Williams, colored, the alleged assailant of Mrs. Shields and her little daughter in Roanoke, was brought here last evening and locked in the Richmond city jail for safe keeping. A brother of Mrs. Shields was at the station when the negro arrived and became so incensed at the prisoner that he struck him in the face and was in turn pretty roughly handled by the detectives before they were informed who he was.

## WEEK'S NEWS IN BUSINESS WORLD

Clearings this week \$612,210  
Same week last year 732,776  
Decrease 120,566

Local manufacturers report unabated good bookings of orders and especially a good trade in the south. Business this season, so far, is ahead of last year with the prospects for a continuation of the same thing.

Wholesale trade is good, and col-

lections fair. There is no complaint to be heard in any quarter which certainly speaks well for Paducah's territory.

The opening of good weather promises to see great activity in the building line, and contractors are anticipating a good season.

Retail trade is having a little advance among shopping

Czarina, several grand duchesses and numerous other noble ladies have organized committees in St. Petersburg. The Official Messenger daily prints pages of loyal addresses from Zemstvos and municipalities and governmental and private corporations. The czar takes pains to personally thank the senders of addresses in each case.

The situation in financial circles is slightly improved, but is still very critical.

From all parts of the empire come telegrams telling of the feverish activity of ladies' committees embracing various classes of the population who are preparing linen bandages and other supplies for the hospitals and the Red Cross society.

### CHINA NEUTRAL.

Washington, Feb. 13.—Minister Conger cabled the state department from Peking that the Chinese government would immediately issue a proclamation of neutrality, having received from the Russian minister the declaration of war.

If this proclamation is observed it will prevent the threatened invasion of Manchuria by Boxers. China must prevent the use of her soil by either Russia or Japanese troops.

### RUSSIA EXPECTS REINFORCEMENTS.

London, Feb. 13.—A dispatch from Perim Island, off the Arabian coast at the entrance to the red Sea, states that the indications are that Russia is reinforcing her squadron, making Jibuti, near there, its point of rendezvous. All vessels which will go as reinforcements to the Far East are expected to arrive there by Feb. 18.

### BLOWN UP BY MINE.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 13.—A report has been received from Viceroy Alexieff saying that the Russian torpedo transport Yenisei has been blown up as the result of accidentally striking a mine at Port Arthur. The vessel sank and Capt. Stephanoff, three officers and ninety-one men were lost.

### THE BALTIC FLEET.

Copenhagen, Feb. 13.—The Russian Baltic fleet is reported to be still at Kronstadt where the ice breaker is keeping the channel open. The report that the fleet had been seen at Kattegat, was erroneous.

### DR. RUSSELL DYING.

Evansville, Ind., Feb. 13.—Dr. E. P. Russell, of Hopkinsville, whose leg was amputated Tuesday in an infirmary here, is dying.

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## AROUND THE HALL ONE CENT AND COSTS

A Called Session of Aldermanic Board Monday.

Some of the Frankfort Delegates Return—Got all They Wanted.

THE POLICE NEWS.

Monday evening just before the regular meeting of the council, the board of aldermen will meet in special session to pass the railroad automatic gate ordinance, and will continue to hold special called meetings until every ordinance, special and general, is passed.

The council will hold called meetings also to pass these ordinances, and the municipal ordinances passed and have the automatic gates put in.

Every councilman and alderman has agreed to meet in special session without pay in order to pass these ordinances, so necessary do they believe the gates to be.

Alderman Gus Singleton and Lucien Durrett returned last evening from Frankfort, well pleased with their trip, and Mayor Yeiser and Councilman Riglesberger are expected home this evening. They went to Cincinnati from Frankfort. The agreement with other second class cities relative to charter amendments [was shown in the dispatch to the Sun several days ago in regard to bills introduced for the amendments. Covington, Kentucky, wants the amendment relative to taxing hacks or other vehicles run for hire, in order to make those pay that come over from Cincinnati. Newport wants the amendment relative to paying councilmen from \$3 to \$5 a meeting. It is not known what will become of the bills in the legislature, but no objection to them is anticipated.

No warrants have yet been issued in the shooting on the Dick Fowler night before last in which John Adams and Dave Daniels were shot. McCracken county has jurisdiction, as the shooting occurred on the boat and the boat was not at low water mark on the other side of the river, but no one came up to get warrants and none were issued.

The board of public works will doubtless be organized this week. Wharfmaster S. A. Fowler will tender his resignation at the meetings of the board the coming week, and will then be eligible to qualify for the new position to which he has been appointed on the board of public works.

Captain T. J. Moore left today for Caruthersville, Mo., to identify Henry Donald, the man under arrest there for killing a negro here a year ago. He is serving a workhouse sentence there, and will be brought back if he proves to be the right man.

An unknown white man complained last night that he had been robbed somewhere of a watch and \$21 in money. He didn't know anything about who robbed him, so the police didn't bother with him.

One of the boarders last night complained to the police that he had his overcoat stolen from the Commercial hotel. No trace of the thief could be found.

Mayor Yeiser will not return from Frankfort before Monday or the boards would meet sooner.

a cistern, drowning herself. The young woman had to relinquish school work on account of ill health.

### MRS. LORENZ ACQUITTED.

Washington, Feb. 13.—Before court adjourned yesterday in the postal trial Mrs. Martha J. Lorenz was a free woman. Justice Pritchard, acting on a motion of Mr. Kumler, decided that there was not sufficient evidence to hold her, and directed the jury to find a verdict of not guilty. She simply smiled at the announcement and was warmly congratulated by her counsel and friends.

Fine Assessed Against Principal of High School.

Case Aired in Police Court—News of Circuit and Other Courts.

LITTLE OF INTEREST DONE

The first trouble to come up in the public schools since the Board of Education and the new Supt. recently expressed a sentiment in favor of the old and somewhat barbarous corporal punishment, came up in police court today over the action of Principal E. G. Payne, the young and popular principal of the High school, who slapped Eulice Arnold, son of Mr. Jerry Arnold, a well known employe of the Illinois Central.

The evidence showed that Prof. Payne received information that some one hit Miss Laura Hand, a teacher with a snow ball, and she was told it was the Arnold boy, and so informed Prof. Payne. He went to the yard, it being recess, and asked that Arnold be pointed out to him. When he found him he asked Arnold "if he did it," or "why he did it," and the boy declared that he didn't do it. Prof. Payne considered the tone insolent, and slapped the boy. He afterwards, while taking him towards the building, and after he was in the presence of Prof. Leib, slapped him again, and had his hand on the boy's throat, or collar, but did not choke him.

Arnold said on the stand in court today that he did not throw the snowball, and it may have made him a little mad to be accused of it, but that when he was afterwards told that he had been impudent, he apologized.

Prof. Payne did not claim that the boy struck him, or anything of the kind, but that he was principal of the building, had charge of it, and was responsible for the discipline. He said he slapped the boy for being impudent, not for throwing the snow ball. He also stated that he did not slap him hard. He likewise admitted that he did not try to find out who threw the snowball.

The affair was patched up, temporarily it seemed, and Arnold was not sent home. It was shown that he did not throw the snow ball, and when his father heard of it he decided to prosecute the principal, and swore out the warrant.

Judge Sanders said there was nothing left for him to do but to fine the professor, as the evidence showed he had exceeded his authority.

A fine of one cent and costs, amounting to something over \$3, was imposed.

### CIRCUIT COURT.

This morning the case of H. V. Keebler against the I. O. R. R. Co., suit for \$2,000 damages, was called and the attorneys for the defense argued for peremptory instructions. The court reserved its decision until Monday.

A judgment for sale was filed in the case of J. S. Troutman, Ex. against R. A. Binalingly and others.

The plaintiffs motion for a new trial in the case of Smith against Iseman was overruled and an appeal granted.

The plaintiffs motion for a new trial in the case of John Castleman against J. W. Little was overruled and an appeal granted.

The motion for a new trial, filed by plaintiff, in the case of G. W. Slaughter against the N. C. & St. L. railroad, was overruled and an appeal granted.

Judgments for sale were filed in the cases of Brockman against Jones and Beal & Sons against Jones.

The case of Louisa Parish against I. C. railroad was dismissed without prejudice.

### BARBERS' COURT.

Justice R. J. Barber this morning held a court of inquiry to ascertain who was responsible for the child born to Miss Humphrey, a stepdaughter.

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